

amino acids having the sequence of a part of the amino acid sequence of a microbial protein having a conserved mammalian stress protein homologue, said part comprising a T cell epitope corresponding to a T cell epitope of the mammalian homologue, said part further comprising at least 5 amino acids which are identical with corresponding amino acids in the same relative position in a T cell epitope of said mammalian stress protein, said epitope and said part containing at least 4 consecutive amino acids which are identical with the corresponding mammalian stress protein amino acids and thereby forming said T cell epitope corresponding to a T cell epitope of a mammalian homologue.

25. The method of claim 24, wherein said stress protein is selected from heat-shock proteins and stress-induced enzymes.

26. The method of claim 25, wherein said heat-shock protein is heat shock protein hsp65 of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (identical to hsp65 of *M. bovis* BCG) as depicted in SEQ ID NO. 1.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein the peptide comprises at least 5 amino acids which are identical with the corresponding amino acids in the same relative position in one of the sequences 81-100 and 241-270 of SEQ ID NO. 1.

28. The method of claim 27, wherein the peptide comprises at least 5 amino acids which are identical with the corresponding amino acids in the same relative position in one of the sequences 84-95 and 256-265 of SEQ ID NO. 1.